

REMARKS

Claims 1-18, 22, and 23 are pending in this application. Claims 19-21 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to reintroduce these claims in a related application. Claims 1, 11, and 22 have been amended to clarify that the template web pages are produced based on existing web pages. Support for these amendments can be found, *e.g.*, on page 8, lines 26-29 and page 10, lines 3-7. In addition, editorial revisions have been made to the specification to correct typographical errors. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-18, 22, and 23.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1, 11, and 22 have been amended to clarify that the template web pages produced using the claimed invention are produced after producing existing web pages. In fact, the template web pages are created based on existing web pages. The claimed invention enables a user to redefine the existing web pages using the produced templates. This sequence is reversed from the sequence found in the cited references as discussed below.

Claim Objections

Formal objection has been made to claim 5 for a typographical error. Applicants respectfully submit that appropriate correction has been made and request that the objection be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejections

Claims 1-4, 11-13, and 22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *D'Arlach et al.* (U.S. 6,026,433, hereinafter "*D'Arlach*"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claim 1 recites, in part, a system for providing an on-line forum for permitting at least one user to redefine a web page. The system includes a computing complex having a first software module. The first software module is designed to produce a template based on the existing web page and to permit redefinition of the web page in response to a template element being selected.

In contrast, *D'Arlach* discloses a method for creating a web site using existing templates. See, e.g., column 5, lines 38-45 and Figure 5. In *D'Arlach*, one or more templates are stored in a database on a server. See, e.g., *id.* Templates are first stored in the database regardless of whether a user wishes to create a new web site or edit an existing web site. See, e.g., Figure 5. *D'Arlach* does not disclose or suggest producing templates based on existing web pages. Rather, the web pages disclosed in *D'Arlach* are produced based on existing templates. For at least these reasons, *D'Arlach* does not anticipate claim 1.

Claims 2-10 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for at least the same reasons. Applicants do not otherwise concede the correctness of the rejection and reserve the right to make additional arguments if necessary.

Claim 11 recites, in part, a method of permitting at least one user to redefine a web page on-line. The method includes producing a template based on a web page. The method further includes redefining a web page element in response to a corresponding template element being selected. Therefore, *D'Arlach* does not anticipate claim 11 for at least the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 1. Claims 12-18 depend from claim 11 and are allowable for at least the same reasons. Applicants do not otherwise concede the correctness of the rejection and reserve the right to make additional arguments if necessary.

Claim 22 recites, in part, a method of redefining a web page on-line. The method includes creating a template web page based on an existing web page. The method further includes redefining a web page element in response to a corresponding template element being selected. *D'Arlach* does not anticipate claim 22, therefore, for at least the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 1. Claim 23 depends from claim 22 and is allowable for at least the same reasons. Applicants do not otherwise concede the correctness of the rejection and reserve the right to make additional arguments if necessary.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

The remaining claims have been rejected as obvious over *D'Arlach* in combination with various references. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. Applicants submit that none of the cited references overcome the shortcomings of *D'Arlach* by disclosing template web pages produced based on existing web pages.

In particular, claims 5, 6, and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *D'Arlach* in view of *Bernardo et al.* (U.S. 6,684,369, hereinafter "*Bernardo*") and *Miller et al.* ("Using the web for peer review and publication of scientific journals", published 09/1998, pages 1-10, hereinafter "*Miller*"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. Claims 5 and 6 depend from claim 1 and are allowable over *D'Arlach* for at least the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 1. Claim 14 depends from claim 11 and is allowable over *D'Arlach* for at least the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 11. Neither *Bernardo* nor *Miller* overcomes the shortcomings of *D'Arlach* by disclosing producing templates based on existing web pages.

For at least these reasons, therefore, *D'Arlach* would not lead a person having skill in the art to the invention of claims 5, 6, and 14 even in view of *Bernardo* and *Miller*. Applicants do not otherwise concede the correctness of the rejection and reserve the right to make additional arguments if necessary.

Claims 7, 10, 15, 18, and 23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *D'Arlach* in view of *Bernardo*. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. Claims 7 and 10 depend from claim 1 and are allowable over *D'Arlach* for at least the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 1. Claims 15 and 18 depends from claim 11 and is allowable over *D'Arlach* for at least the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 11. Claim 23 depends from claim 22 and is allowable over *D'Arlach* for at least the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 22. *Bernardo* does not overcome the shortcomings of *D'Arlach* by disclosing producing templates based on existing web pages.

For at least these reasons, therefore, *D'Arlach* would not lead a person having skill in the art to the invention of claim 7, 10, 15, 18, and 23, even in view of *Bernardo*. Applicants do not otherwise concede the correctness of the rejection and reserve the right to make additional arguments if necessary.

Claims 8, 9, 16, and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *D'Arlach* in view of *Ferguson* (U.S. 5,649,186, hereinafter "*Ferguson*"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. Claims 8 and 9 depend from claim 1 and are allowable over *D'Arlach* for at least the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 1. Claims 16 and 17 depends from claim 11 and is allowable over *D'Arlach* for at least the same reasons as

discussed above with respect to claim 11. *Ferguson* does not overcome the shortcomings of *D'Arlach* by disclosing producing templates based on existing web pages.

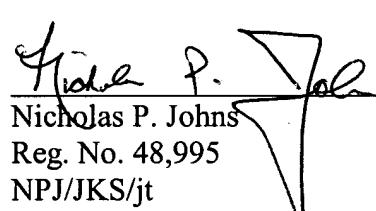
For at least these reasons, therefore, *D'Arlach* would not lead a person having skill in the art to the invention of claim 8, 9, 16, and 17, even in view of *Ferguson*. Applicants do not otherwise concede the correctness of the rejection and reserve the right to make additional arguments if necessary.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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